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**JURY FINDS MAN GUILTY  
OF THREATENING PEOPLE WITH ANTHRAX**

Tampa - A jury in U.S. District Court found MITCHELL MONTEVERDI, age 31, guilty on all three counts of sending threatening letters through the U.S. Postal Service. One of the letters was sent to a federal judge in February of 2000, and threatened his life. Two other letters were sent in April of 2000. One went to an employee of the Tampa Tribune newspaper and a third to a prison inmate. Those two letters made threats of injury or death to residents of the United States by using anthrax.

MONTEVERDI faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in federal prison. He is currently serving time in prison on state forgery charges.

This case was investigated by the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Colleen Murphy-Davis and John Rudy.